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Staff meeting.

I talked to Eugenie Anderson on the telephone in Copenhagen. She has succeeded in having the tanker delivery postponed until at least next Monday or Tuesday, and is still negotiating on it.

The German Chargé, Dr. Krekeler, came in with Jimmy Riddleberger to say how pleased he was with the Senate vote. He thinks the German Parliament should ratify by the end of September.

I went over to the White House and talked to the President as follows:

I told the President the latest news on the Danish tanker case and gave him this morning's AP story on the subject. The President said he had given considerable thought to the matter; that if it were brought up in Congress his disposition would be to refrain from intervening in it, but in any event he would do nothing without previous consultation with me. He also stated that, if and when the tanker was delivered, his present intention was to grant an exception in this case.

I told the President we would notify him when the reply to the Soviet note was delivered. I repeated what I had said to him on a previous occasion, that the agreement reached in London was in accord with his own instructions on the subject. He said he remembered the cables pertaining thereto, and was fully satisfied with what had been done.

The President said when the Secretary returned he wished to talk to him about a head for the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, under the McCarran Act. He had no one in mind for the position, but wanted to be certain we obtained the best person available. I informed him

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that this position cannot be formally filled and a new salary paid until December 24, 1952. The President replied that he wished to discuss it well in advance of that period.

I then attended a PSB luncheon in General Smith's office where we dealt with various projects referred to the Board.

Fritz Molden, from Vienna, came to see me with a message from the Austrian Foreign Minister, Mr. Gruber, regarding his recent conversations with Tito and de Gasperi about a settlement of the Trieste problem.

Fred Anderson and Halsby went over the telegrams, to which our EUR people objected, about negotiating contracts for bases and so forth in Europe. Draper was anxious to assign primary responsibility in bilateral negotiations to the country ambassadors, but in certain cases to have these negotiations conducted under his own direction. I told Fred this was absolutely unacceptable to the Department, and the country ambassadors would have to retain sole responsibility for such negotiations, with Special Representative Europe assisting where appropriate and necessary. After some redrafting, they assented to this.

William Richmond from the Paris Embassy came in to see me. He has done a wonderful job there on communications.

The traffic in the Paris Embassy is supposedly the largest American official traffic outside of the State Department and Defense Department.

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Messrs. Finley and Walker from the National Gallery talked to me about the situation which may have been presented by Mr. Gulbenkian's death a few days ago. John Walker is shortly to see Gulbenkian in Paris.

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and the old question will come up again of what he is going to do with his art collections both here and abroad, some of which are contained in his house on Avenue d'Iena in Paris. I told them that, although I had been perfectly willing to try to get acceptance while I was Ambassador there to move from our own Embassy residence to Mr. Gulbenkian's if the latter had insisted upon it, such a possibility did not in my opinion presently exist. It would require considerable preparation and discussion with various Congressmen and, of course, with the President as well, to say nothing of attempting to find the funds necessary for the purpose. I suggested some other ways in which we might get possession of the art collections, and at the same time satisfy Mr. Gulbenkian about his house.

I sent the old gentleman a cable tonight expressing sympathy for his wife's death. [redacted] Stet, Do not excise.

Had dinner with the Ellistons. Took along a picnic basket with cold lobsters and wine. Herbert is up again, walking about, and in fine spirits.

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